

CLUBBER WILL BE SUSPENDED

Inspector Recommends Prompt
Action in Case of Policeman
McLaughlin, Who Assaulted
a Reporter.

BROKE ONE OF ROBBINS'S ARMS IN TWO PLACES.

Policeman Denies Charge
Against Him, but Must Stand
Trial—Has a Bad Record—
McAdoo Takes Up Case.

At the direction of Police Commissioner McAdoo, Inspector McLaughlin began an investigation to-day into the brutal clubbing of James P. Robbins, a well-known reporter, by Policeman Frank McLaughlin, of the West Sixty-eighth street station. McLaughlin, without the slightest provocation, according to Robbins, attacked him at the corner of Eighty-second street and Amsterdam avenue early yesterday morning, broke his arm in two places and gave him a good clubbing generally. The only explanation of the assault at present is that McLaughlin mistook Robbins for some one else.

As a result of the investigation, Inspector McLaughlin sent word to Commissioner McAdoo that the case was a very serious one and recommended the immediate suspension of the policeman. Mr. McAdoo said that he would suspend him to-night.

"The man has had eighteen complaints against him since 1896," said the Commissioner, "and has been fined sixty-eight and one-half days' pay. If all that is told of this case is true, it is an outrage. It is a mystery to me how such brutes as this man can get on the force."

Inspector McLaughlin began his investigation to-day in his quarters in the West Sixty-eighth street station. Robbins was present and also Policeman McLaughlin. Robbins told his story briefly as it has already been told and then McLaughlin was asked what he had to say. The policeman, whose record for brutality is very bad, then told a remarkable tale. He said he was at the corner of Seventy-second street and Amsterdam avenue early yesterday morning when Robbins came along and told him that the Excelsior law was being violated by one Kennedy, who keeps a saloon at the corner of Eighty-second street and Amsterdam avenue.

His Explanation of Injuries.

He accompanied Robbins to the saloon, he said, but found everything there all right. He then gave Robbins what he characterized as a good "dressing down" and left him. Later, he said, he saw Robbins fall down, and gave it as his opinion that the man sustained his injuries by this fall.

After telling this story McLaughlin suddenly remembered that Policeman Willis G. Paine was with him through all these events and called Paine to verify his story. Paine solemnly verified it in every detail. Robbins declared that he had never seen Paine in his life before and that no policeman was with McLaughlin at the time of the assault.

Inspector McLaughlin had the statements of both men taken down and will submit them to Commissioner McAdoo, who is to order the policeman to trial at once. In the mean time, however, Robbins means to apply for a warrant for McLaughlin's arrest on a charge of assault, bringing the case into the criminal courts.

Robbins, after leaving a friend at Amsterdam avenue and Eighty-second street about 2:40 o'clock yesterday morning, was waiting for a car, when, without warning, he was almost felled by a blow from a club across his back. Had it not been for his heavy coat collar and inside collar, he said, he would doubtless have been killed. As he turned he was in time to catch another vicious blow from the club of a uniformed policeman in his elbow, which fractured his wrist and paralyzed the lower part of his arm. His hat was torn off his head by this blow.

Before he could demand an explanation the policeman again swung his club and a heavy blow descended on his right elbow, missing the head, where it was evidently aimed. Still another blow was aimed from the club, and then Robbins stepped back into a snow pile. As he did this the policeman, he says, pulled his revolver and, pointing it, pulled the trigger.

Gun Failed to Go Off.

The gun failed to fire, and while the officer was examining it Robbins hurried across the street to Kennedy's saloon at the opposite corner. Here he tried to get the proprietor to open the door, but he refused. Robbins feared that the policeman would follow up his attack and kill him, and he wanted the saloon-keeper to witness the assault.

The policeman, after failing to fire his pistol disappeared, and, faint from the loss of blood, Robbins finally found his way home, where his roommate, Browley Gray, insisted upon Robbins going to the Roosevelt Hospital. His wounds were dressed, and Robbins then went to the West Sixty-eighth street station. He reported the assault to Sergeant McGorin, who allowed him to remain there until the policeman came in from duty. McLaughlin came in and went directly to the rear room without reporting his encounter. Later he was called out, and Robbins identified him as the man who did the clubbing. Robbins said he never saw the officer before, and cannot imagine why he used his club on him.

ENGINE BREAKS MAN'S HIP.

While crossing the New York Central tracks at East Fifty-first street to-day, Joseph Lusta, twenty years old, of No. 636 Morris avenue, was struck by an engine and sustained a fractured hip. He was working in the railroad yards at the time. He was removed to the Flower Hospital.

BEAUTY LESSONS.

Lillian Russell will give Beauty Lessons all afternoon in the Evening World. They are a practical common-sense guide to beauty. The first lesson in Monday's Evening World, Dec. 21.

FAMOUS CLUB GUTTED BY FIRE

Metropolitan, the Most Exclusive
Organization in Washing-
ton, Loses Its House and One
Man Is Overcome at Blaze.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The Metropolitan Club-house, the most fashionable in Washington, was gutted by fire to-day, involving an estimated loss of from \$50,000 to \$100,000, partially covered by insurance. The fire was caused by a spark from an electric wire near the elevator shaft.

The flames broke out about 5 o'clock this morning, and, fanned by a strong wind, soon enveloped the entire building, and were not extinguished until five hours later.

The club has a large membership, embracing some of the best-known men in public life, but none of them were in the building at the time of the fire, the only occupants being the employees, steward and two other employees, all of whom escaped without difficulty except Watchman Depenal, who gave the alarm and was afterward overcome by smoke. He was carried out by the firemen otherwise uninjured.

A library, estimated to be worth upwards of \$15,000 and containing some volumes that cannot be replaced, escaped practically unharmed, and the flames did not reach the wine cellar.

Manager Knight, of the club, estimates the loss on the building at \$100,000, on which there is an insurance of \$45,000, and on contents \$25,000 with \$15,000 insured. The police estimate of the loss is considerably lower than these figures. The club-house was at Seventeenth and H streets, two blocks from the White House, and the vicinity of the Executive Mansion was in a whirl of excitement while the blaze lasted.

President Roosevelt got the details of the fire before breakfast and official Washington had a good view of it on the way to business.

The Metropolitan Club is an ultra-exclusive organization, and not a few public men who sought admission to it have been blackballed. The President is John G. Walker and the Vice-Presidents Archibald Hopkins and Joseph K. McCammon. The other officers are Robert S. Chilton, Secretary, and Albert S. Kenny, Treasurer. President Roosevelt, Secretaries Hay and Hitchcock are members of the club as well as Ambassadors Von Hengemuller, of Austria; Count Cassini, of Russia; Von Stenberg, of Germany; Jose Planchon, of Italy; Jusebrand, of France, and Minister Takahira, of the Mikado's envoy.

SHIPWRECKED CREW HERE.

Ten Men from the Clara Goodwin
Brought to Port.

The schooner Martha E. Wallace, from Fernandina, Fla., made port this morning, bringing with her ten men who were rescued from a sinking schooner on Dec. 15 off the Diamond shoals. The shipwrecked crew were Capt. Peter Osterman and nine men, comprising the crew of the schooner Clara Goodwin, 800 tons, which sailed from Tampa, Fla., on Dec. 1 with a cargo of phosphate rock consigned to Baugh & Sons, Philadelphia.

On Dec. 8 the Clara Goodwin ran into a northeast hurricane while between Capes Lookout and Hatteras. For more than a week the crew was in great danger. The crew set fire to the vessel when they left her to board the Wallace.

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